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Flight Anniversary This Week

Israel Adds Four To Definitives

Israel will add four additional stamps to the current definitive series at an unannounced date in December. They will be similar in design to those now in use, the work of artist O. Wallish of Tel Aviv.



Lewin-Epstein, Bat Yam will print them by photolithography in sheets of 100 with ten descriptive tabs adjacent to the bottom row.

The 80 pruta (Pl. No. 81) depicts a coin struck by Alexander Jannai (103-76 B.C.E.) of the House of Maccabi. The coin shows a half-opened flower and the inscription "Jonathan the King."

The 95 pruta (Pl. No. 82) depicts a coin struck in the fourth year of the first War of Liberation (66-70 A.C.E.) against the Romans. The coin shows three palm branches tied together and the inscription "A Quarter-Shekel."

The 100 pruta (Pl. No. 83) depicts a coin struck during the War of Bar-Kochba (132-135 A.C.E.) showing the front of the Temple with the Ark of the Covenant in the background and the inscription "Jerusalem."

The 125 pruta (Pl. No. 84) depicts a coin struck in the same period and showing a lyre with four strings and the inscription "second Year of the Freedom of Israel."

One set of stamps costs 23¢ plus 13¢ return postage.

Ornamental First Day Covers bearing a set of the new stamps and a cancellation of Jerusalem will be available at 25¢ each. Philatelists residing abroad are invited to place prepaid orders for these stamps and or First Day Covers with the Philatelic Services, G.P.O. Building, Jerusalem, Israel.

Find Ethiopian In Philatelic Wood Pile

That set of imperforate Ethiopian Universal Postal Union commemoratives which have been moving over the counters of dealers at from \$25 to \$35 per set are absolutely bogus.

Director of Posts, M. Shore, stated as much in a letter to Kenneth Plumlee of Pasadena, Calif., who wrote directly to the Ethiopian Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones, inquiring about this alleged issue.

Mr. Shore is authority for the statement that these imperfs were slipped out of the stamp printing establishment which produced them without the consent of the Ethiopian government. They have never seen postal duty in that nation.

The existence of these bogus items were certified to the Scott Catalog publishers as well as those of the Stanley Gibbons by the Ethiopian government, both of which were asked to declare them as illegal.

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BACKSTAGE AT THE FORT KNOX POST OFFICE when the first day of issue of the General George Patton stamp took place November 11 can be seen above. Two of the automatic cancelling machines and a number of the covers which were run through them are in the central part of the picture. The four men behind the far machine are Harry A. Cowger, assistant agent of the Philatelic Agency; Wayne Hargan, acting postmaster; Paul F. Ritchie, assistant postmaster William Bennett, clerk. Other men are unidentified. A total of 342,600 first day covers were handled of the Patton commem. Photo—Clarence Collins, Armed Center, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Allied Armies, Tito's Reds Both Entered Venezia Giulia In 1945; Divided By Treaty

by Bert Happ

CHAPTER XXIII

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT—VENEZIA GIULIA

With the Italian Armistice with the Allies of 1943 the Germans moved in to control Venezia Giulia with the intention of incorporating it into the Greater Reich. In the closing days of April 1945 the 9th Corps of Marshal Tito advanced against the Germans, forcing an entrance into Trieste. Two days later, May 1, 1945, the 11th New Zealand Division of the XIII Corps entered the city of Trieste in time to accept the surrender of the Germans, who were still holding out against the Yugoslavs.

It was immediately apparent that Tito did not intend to live up to his verbal agreement with the British Field Marshall Alexander, made first in Rome in late 1944 and again at Belgrade in February 1945, which was to allow the occupation of the Julian area by the United States and British Forces.

For forty days both the United States and British Forces as well as the Yugoslavs occupied what used to be Zone A during occupation in Venezia Giulia. The only movement of troops was a "peaceful" advance by the British and United States troops to the eastward, to gain control of the highway leading up the Isonzo Valley into Austria.

Finally, after many threats and conferences, Lt. Gen. Sir William Morgan, Chief of Staff to Field Marshall Alexander, and General Ivanovich, Chief of Staff to Marshall Tito, met at historic Duino Castle and drew up the Morgan-Ivanovich Agreement, which divided Venezia Giulia into Zone A in the west and Zone B in the east, with the "Morgan Line" marking the division.

Zone A, under combined U. S. and British control, included the Enclave of Pola, the Port of Trieste and the line of communication into Austria.

Zone B remained under the Yugoslav control. Each Zone was to be administered in "trust" by the respective Military Governments until a final settlement had been

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Mauritius Stamp Definite Variety

Reported by Teofan Morykwas of New York City is a definite variety on the 20¢ value of the set of four Mauritius issued March 22, 1948 for the centenary of its first postage stamps. Shown herewith is an enlarged view of the mis-



Missing is the bottom half of the "4" in "1947" on the right side of the design.

Appearances lead to the supposition that this part of the printing plate needed repairing, which has every indication of having been done, but the engraver instead of remaking the "4" complete, added incidental lines like those used elsewhere in the background.

Mr. Morykwas states that his is the only copy of the variety he has seen to date, and that he does not know the location of the stamp in a full sheet. Readers are urged to check their copies of this stamp.

The Scott Catalog has no note of the item. It is not found listed in the Gibbons, or Commonwealth catalogs of England.

50 Years Ago Wrights Made First Successful Controlled Flight At Kitty Hawk, N. C.

H. M. Brehm

"Never before in the history of the world have two individuals so completely merged themselves into one thinking organism for the achievement of an epochal invention. In their frequent differences of opinion, they impressed observers as 'one man, making up his mind'; sometimes each converted the other to his point of view, and then the argument went on with changed sides—after which they would pick up the loose ends and reassociate them just as though there had been no difference of opinion whatever. Both men knew instinctively what parts contributed to gaining their ultimate end. Even when offered a drink or a smoke, either brother would refuse for both".

They were four brothers and one sister at home. Their father was the Reverend Milton Wright of the United Brethren of Christ, who possessed a personal library of some 2000 volumes, and their mother was Virginia-born Susan (Koerner) Wright, one of the few college women of her day, who excelled in mathematics and shared her husband's interest in the little-known field of mechanics. What a background for two ambitious youngsters!

The first major device which the brothers built, entirely of wood and scrap metal, was a practical, 8-foot turning lathe, powered by a foot-treadle. Then on Saturdays they folded religious papers of which their father was editor—but it seemed slow work, so the boys rigged up a treadle-operated folding machine which speeded the work five to one.

Next, Orville spent two summers as printer's devil in a Dayton print shop, after which, in 1888, the boys built a bigger printing press in a few months which could turn out an unheard of 1500 copies per hour. Seventeen year-old Orville rented a shop and in 1889 began publishing a four-page neighborhood weekly. In addition to the customary gos-

adding machine which did all the work of more complicated calculators.

Later in life he designed, for his manufacturing brother, Loren, a line of mechanical toys "amazing for their simplicity and ingenuity". At home his reading chair was permanently tilted at his favorite angle, and his horn-rimmed reading glasses required only one temple piece.

FLYING?

Ever since the beginning of time, the Stone Age man and the Neanderthal man, all mankind no doubt has wished, at one time or another, that it could get the heck away from its static spot and be trans-



Wright Commem. of 1949

sip, the youthful editor added articles and abstractions on machinery. In 1890 Wilbur joined him, and they converted the weekly into a neighborhood daily. However it was discontinued after short run, in favor of the more profitable business of job-printing.

BICYCLES AND OTHER THINGS

Orville won occasional prizes in the local YMCA bike races, so in 1892 the boys decided to open a bicycle salesroom and repair shop, where they did so well for themselves that in two years they sold their prospering print shop to devote all their time to bicycles. Soon they were assembling their own bikes, and gradually adding refinements, including the new coaster-brake and a wheel hub with reserve bearings. Of their three models, one was unusually low-priced, and they sold several hundred locally.

They made all their own precision working tools, cheaper and better. In fact Orville's longer life was filled with the creation of endless devices—even as Thomas Edison—some of which he patented, and many of which he never bothered to protect by law. In 1895 he made a new kind of calculating machine, which not only added, but also multiplied—and remembering his father's crude typewriter at home, he worked on a simplified typing machine.

Everywhere in his Dayton home and his summer camp in Canada one could find "some crazy contrivance" as he called them—self-opening doors, movable roofs, an early record-changer for his own use. While at Kitty Hawk he rigged a practical electric toaster. He once constructed a nine-key



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ported on wings of song, or some miraculous bird, to a new land or a farther shore. But like Mark Twain's weather, nobody did anything about it for centuries. At least, not much.

Of course Jules Verne had his visions, which he recorded, and late in the 18th century a number of attempts were made with balloons, by a Scotsman or two and some French brothers. First by creating hot air from burning straw as a lifting agent, then progressively by use of hydrogen, helium and other lighter-than-air gases, which trial culminated in the thrill of a captive balloon ascension for the visitors of the Paris exposition in 1900.

All of which was fine, and making some progress in the air. But it wasn't flying like a bird—it wasn't transportation at will, from point to point, which became man's great ambition a half century ago.

RESEARCH

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Review Of ASDA Show Highlights

A New York newspaper's stamp columnist noted for his conservatism and accuracy wrote — alluding to the 5th A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Show in November — that "professional philatelists with long experience in organizing and handling exhibitions agree that the show was the most spectacular affair of its kind since the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition (CIPEX) in 1947."

"In attendance, attractiveness and smoothness of operation," he told his readers in a review of the highlights, "this year's show surpassed any of the four previous ones sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers' Association. Government officials accustomed to visiting such exhibitions expressed amazement at the enthusiasm with which the public patronized the displays from Washington and the educational demonstrations of how the Bureau of Engraving and Printing runs stamps from flatbed presses."

An estimated 68,500 persons — the largest crowd to visit one of these annual shows — thronged New York City's 71st Infantry Regiment Armory throughout three days and evenings on November 20, 21 and 22.

Most of the hundred or so dealers who sold their wares at booths reported gross receipts ran 10 to 50 per cent better than last year and one said that on the opening day his income was double what he enjoyed during three days in 1952. Dealers at the show for the first time said business surpassed expectation. At lounges of national societies it was stated that new membership applications exceeded last year's, and similar increases in new subscriptions were reported by publishers of the hobby's magazines.

Taking a look at the 1953 show, here are a few of the highlights:

Tercentennial Stamp. The Post Office Department honored the A.S.D.A. by making the Armory the chief site for first-day sale of the 3c bright red-violet stamp commemorating New York City's 300th anniversary. Acting Postmaster John H. Sheehan set up a postal substation on the show floor and steady queues of purchasers were at the seven windows day and night and he had to send for more canceling machines because of the demand for application of the A.S.D.A. slogan-postmark to the envelopes mailed. Some covers were hand-stamped, others machine-stamped, each patron having a choice.

This philatelic mail included 25,865 first-day covers posted on November 20, date of the stamp's release. Other November 20 covers were given a "First Day of Issue" postmark elsewhere in the city. The day's total, including the ones at the show, was 387,914. Throughout the city, 2,570,679 copies of the "birthday" commemorative were sold the first day. This figure includes 175,000 purchased at the Armory. Commemoratives of earlier years also were sold at the show, and the total there for the three days was 682,771 stamps, receipts aggregating \$20,483.13.

First-Day Ceremonies. Show proceedings officially got under way after a Police Department mounted patrolman, John Huisemann, dressed as an 18th century "Pony Express" rider, arrived at the Armory at Park Ave. about 10 a.m. Earlier the city had held outdoor ceremonies at Federal Hall in Wall

St. There, some first-day covers had been postmarked at a special postal station. Patrolman Huisemann's mail pouch contained some of those covers, which he delivered to Assistant Postmaster General Albert J. Robertson outside the Armory.

Some Show Features. In addition to the Post Office Department's million-dollar exhibit of stamp rarities and die proofs, the latter autographed by various Postmaster Generals and publicly displayed for the first time, and the flatbed demonstrations of the tercentennial stamp being printed, the A.S.D.A. had a "Court of Honor" which presented a 50-frame dramatic historical display, in pageant form, reflecting New York City's story with stamps, covers, engravings and related material.

4c Parks Rarity Sale In February

The find of the 4c Parks piece of 30, imperf horizontally, recently announced in this paper, will be sold in February by Mint Sheet Brokerage of Rossmoyne, Ohio.

Recently authenticated by the well known U. S. authority, Eugene Costales, the item was submitted to Scott Publications in October and it is now understood that it will be listed in the catalogue as No. 743a. This will give the variety its proper status together with the known 1c, 2c, 5c and 7c issues which also are known imperf between and long have been listed.

Actual pricing of the piece still has not been definitely determined, according to the operators of Mint Sheet Brokerage, but present plans call for pricing of the fifteen individual pairs with provisions made for any one who might wish to purchase a larger unit, such as an intact block, or of course the entire piece of 30.

When a formula to accomplish this in a satisfactory manner has been evolved, and pricing has been completed, the February sale date will be announced and all subscribers to the firm's publication, the "Original Quotation Bulletin," will be given an equal opportunity to acquire the specific pairs or pieces of their choice.

Vatican Plans For Three Sets in 1954

At least three separate issues of stamps are planned by the Vatican in 1954, according to William Wonneberger, Jr., Stratford, Conn. One of them will be a new set of Postage Due Stamps, six in number.

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Those familiar with the peculiarities of the crossing of the date line know that when going west one loses a day; in the opposite direction, one gains a day. Right on the line itself it might be called "Zero Day".

Interested persons must prepare their envelopes with a 3c stamp, a name and address kept to the right, and enclose a stuffer. Capt. Milbury has prepared a cachet which he will apply to them at the date line crossing, as well as a postmark. Covers are sent at the sender's risk, and there is no guarantee of return, but few have been lost in mails to the present time.

Send the prepared covers under outside wrapper to the address above with your request for service. Nice commems on the outer wrapper are appreciated. While it is in no way required appreciation can be shown to Capt. Milbury with a mint block of commems, or so.

Australian Royal Visits February 2

Australia's stamps commemorating the Royal Visit of the Queen of England and her Royal Consort are to have a first day of issue on February 2. Denominations are to be 3½d, 7½d and 2 shillings.

Selling will take place for approximately two months after which time the remainders would be withdrawn.

From February 3 to April 1 the general post offices throughout the nation would cancel mail with a postal slogan reading "Australia Celebrates 1954 Royal Visit".

Major R. C. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia advises that the Queen and Duke both will appear on the 3½d and 2 shilling stamps, while the 7½d will have a half-length portrait of the Queen.

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1s 709	701	704	705	709	710	711
1s 720	721	722	723	727	742	773
1s 777	782	783	784	785	786	787
1s 796	798	799	800	801	802	803
1s 807	808	810	811	812	813	814
1s 820	825	830	831	839	840	841
1s 889	900	901	905	907	908	929
1s 925	936	937	938	939	940	941
1s 945	946	947	949	950	961	962
1s 966	957	965	981	982	983	984
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J65	J80	J81	J84	J85	J86	R15
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Two young New Zealanders become acquainted with descendants of the famous Philatelic Kiwi of stamp design renown.

"Peg Leg Pete", Great Grandson Of "Philatelic" Kiwi, Dies

James H. Naile

With thanks to Jim Carney.

"Peg-Leg Pete the second" has bit the dust. He was the great grandson of "Philatelic" Kiwi of a New Zealand stamp design of 1935. But, unlike hardened outlaws of the plains or cut-throats of the high seas, usually given such tag, "Pete" has left a lot of mourners. For he was a one-legged Kiwi who had been stumping happily around a Napier, New Zealand, game farm for the last year, wearing what was probably the only artificial limb to be fitted to a bird during that period. A steel trap had grabbed both Pete's legs and his freedom at the same time.

In death Pete gained another singular honor—that of being the first Kiwi to be the subject of a thorough post-mortem examination. Results of the autopsy showed that Pete had swallowed a pin, which perforated his stomach and caused peritonitis. For some weeks before his death Pete had not been up to scratch, and was getting noticeably thinner. Normally Pete's kinfolk search for food at night, but Pete had even been seen digging around for his chow during daylight hours. Finally his stout little heart gave up the struggle.

New Zealand has many birds of extraordinary interest of which the best known is probably the Kiwi. Stamp collectors with collections of practically any consequence at all have a picture of one of Pete's family to remember him by, for the Kiwi is pictured on at least one stamp which was used in the millions—the one-penny red of the 1935 Pictorial set. The Kiwi is also the emblem bird of the Dominion, and the use of its name by New Zealand servicemen and athletes has made it famous in many lands.

The Kiwi is distantly related to the long extinct giant moa, and its forebears are thought to have been capable of flight. Several things make the Kiwi unique among living birds. It has no tail, lays a relatively enormous egg, has its nostrils at the tip of its long bill, and vague rudiments of wings.

That the Kiwi is of an old line is proved by a late 20th century discovery of a thighbone buried under 75 feet of clay and volcanic rock. This bit of "framework" was estimated to be from two to eight million years old.

Most everyone in New Zealand knows something about the mascot bird, but not from first-hand observation. Although far from extinct, the Kiwi is essentially a forest dweller, and of nocturnal habits. The charming little fellow is completely protected, and seldom allowed to be kept in captivity, so that few New Zealanders—country or city folk—have ever seen him.

During the past century specimens were sent to zoos overseas, living, in instances, for several years. Today there are only two places where Kiwis are held captive. These are at the Napier game farm and the Auckland zoo, where the birds are held for scientific study and breeding experiments only.

In many places in New Zealand where native bush still stands the dumpy, long-billed bird, with its short strong legs and profusion of loose, fine feathers, can be found. During the day it hides and sleeps, coming out at night to hunt for worms, insects, and berries among the rotting leaves and logs.

And happy word has been received that still another Kiwi has been rescued from a trap, and soon may be taking Pete's place in the affections of visitors to the game farm at Napier.



Here is the Kiwi's big cousin the Moa and three native New Zealanders on the attack. The hunter on the left should be recognized by Yale University anthropological students of 1932-36. He is Sir Peter Henry Buck (Tirangi Hiroa), who was a visiting professor at the school in 1932-34 and professor of anthropology in 1936. At the time of his death Sir Peter was curator of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. The Moa has been extinct for several years. One was reconstructed for the photo which was reproduced in the Otago (New Zealand) Witness in 1903.

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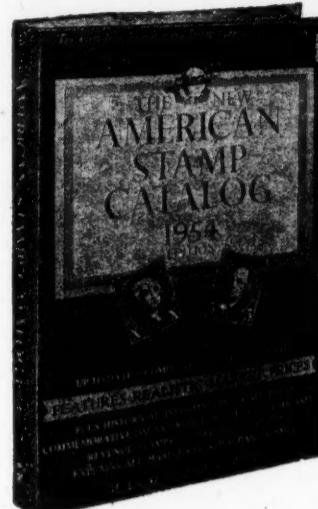
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BIGGEST SHOW ON EARTH

Of course we are speaking of the big annual American Stamp Dealers Association show held in New York City on November 20-22. Year after year the attendance at this show has broken previous records and although the show last year claimed an attendance of 65,000, this year still went a step better and the attendance figure is set at 68,000 and all this in spite of the "smog" that struck the big city about this time.

Linn's was represented there by our Mr. Rueth and he reports a very splendid reception from the many friends of our paper. This is attested by the fact that he brought back with him over 600 subscriptions, two thirds of which are new ones and the balance renewals, many for two or more years. In addition we are receiving every day a number of additional new ones from the 5000 sample copies that were passed out at the show.

Our booth was an extremely busy one all during the show and we are well pleased with the final result.

Mr. Rueth made many new contacts with wide awake dealers who are fast becoming aware of the fact that Linn's Weekly Stamp News is making a world record in circulation and that more and more collectors are coming into the fold where they are assured of the best in stamp news and stampic information. As a result of all this we anticipate a number of new names in our advertising columns in the month's to come.

Without final figures from our office in Sidney, we anticipate passing the 30,000 mark with this new lot of subscribers and our aim will now have to be at a 40,000 figure. All this confirms a belief that I had several years ago, that a good stamp collector's weekly should attain a circulation of at least 50,000 copies weekly. There are enough stamp collectors and enough good live business like dealers to make such a goal possible and we shall continue to strive for it. You can help by telling your friends about Linn's.

We give our thanks to all who have been so friendly to us and we will endeavor to show our appreciation by continued service to them.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

It has been very heart warming for me to receive the many letters that have come to my new home in Florida. Letters of congratulation and good will. Letters from Maine to California and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. I do appreciate every one of them and expect in due time to be able to make at least a brief reply to all of them.

As yet we are still in the throes of getting everything in ship shape order. Naturally you fellows know that the little woman has to be fixed up first. However I have managed to steal a bit of time now and then to get at my stamp room and my stamps. I am slowly making headway and hope to accomplish the job by the end of the year at least.

By January first we should have everything fixed up as we are planning and will then be glad to have any collectors drop in for a visit and stamp talk.

Right now we have a crew of men cleaning up the yard which is about an acre in size and has overgrown in luxurious vegetation. In the house we are adding a lot of things that we left till we got here and in my stamp room I am having some cabinets made to hold my accumulations so I can get everything in apple pie order. All this will give me plenty to do and keep me active which is as it should be for I never could sit down and loaf day after day.

I have my eye on the big lake which is visible from our home and am itching to get a line in the water. Just as an example of what can happen one of our neighbors went out a week ago and came in with a 10½ lb. big mouth bass which puts him at the top in the fishing contest now under way. Then a couple days later a lady went out and hooked a 6½ pounder that places her second so far. Others are now hustling every day in an effort to beat these two. So you see there is plenty of action when one has time for it.

I have been reading of the snow and cold that gripped the North for the past couple weeks and am happy to be here where it is a bit cool early in the mornings but by 10 o'clock one is comfortable out doors in his shirt sleeves and bare headed. I think I am going to like it first rate.

Speaking Of Winter

That is stamp collecting time up north, but down here in Florida we also recognize winter. Seasons do change to a noticeable degree and the collectors are now active just as you are up north. Thus winter is stamp collecting time everywhere and that means that you will want to watch the new issues that are pouring out in a never ending stream.

It also means that you will lay aside your collections during the summer will have to check upon what you missed. Of course we mean favorite country or perhaps your favorite topical collection.

Only the amateur collects haphazardly and takes anything that comes along. In later years if he stays with it he finds a special interest that is his pet attraction and that is the way specialists are born.

It is only when one reaches this stage that they realize the great attraction that there is in stamp collecting. Most collectors however start as general collectors and that is perhaps as it should be. Today there are a dozen or more splendid albums for this type of collecting and no matter if you do branch out into a special field at an early date you can still have a lot of fun adding to that general collection with the odds and ends you are bound to accumulate in many different ways. There is no training that will fit you better for a specialist than a thorough understanding of stamps of the world and this comes best from a general collection. After you have once made a good accumulation in this manner you will have a knowledge of stamps that could not have been gained so quickly in any other way.

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Since there will be one less day in which to prepare ads in the weeks of December 20 (Christmas) and December 27 (New Years) advertisers are asked to have their copy intended for the editions dated January 4 and 11 in several days earlier than usual. The January 4 and 11 papers will be prepared during the weeks of December 20 and 27 respectively.

THEATRE, ACTORS HONORED BY CZECHS

Those who pursue stamps related to actors or the theatre will find that on November 18 Czechoslovakia produced three which will fit this theme exactly. The set marked the 70th anniversary of the National Theatre in Prague.



Designs, colors and denominations are 30 heller blackish blue, Anna Destinnova, famous Czech opera singer, honoring the 75th anniversary of her birth; 60 yellow brown, the National Theatre; 2Kcs. black brown, Eduard Vojan, Czech actor, honoring the 100th anniversary of this birth.

The high and low values were designed by Karel Svolinsky, and engraved by Jindra Schmidt. Jiri Svengsbir did both the designing and engraving of the 60h.

MINNESOTA COMMUNITY SLOGANIZES CENTENNIAL

Rushford, Minn. will have a slogan cancellation which will become available to collectors January 1 and remain current until June 30, 1954. It publicizes the Rushford Centennial Celebration July 3 to 5.

Self-addressed postal cards, or envelopes containing a stuffer and bearing a name and address and 3c in stamps can be sent to the Rushford postmaster with a request for the slogan.

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Dec. 30—Gadsden Purchase 3c, Tucson, Ariz. (50 per pane, 110 million).

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1019—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash., March 2.

1022—Bar Assoc. 3c, Boston, Mass., August 24.

1020—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo., April 30.

1024—Aviation 3c, Dayton, Ohio, May 29.

1021—Commodore Perry 3c, Washington, D. C., July 14.

1023—Sagamore Hill 3c, Oyster Bay, N. Y. September 14.

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1025—Trucking Industry 3c, Los Angeles, Calif. October 27.

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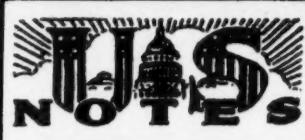
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Senator Rush D. Holt of Weston, W. Va. took advantage of the release of the New York City 300th anniversary stamp to put together a unique first day cover. In fact it is one of a number of items of the kind he prepares for his own enjoyment for nearly all first days.

This cover bears a copy of one stamp of each of the sets, and one of the singles of all events which the United States has commemorated on a 300th anniversary. A new angle, what?

To tick them off quickly, besides the NYC he has the following Tercentenary commems—Hudson-Fulton, Founding of Jamestown, Pilgrim, Huguenot-Walloons, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Swedes and Finns, Maryland, Massachusetts Bay, Printing and Rhode Island.

Mr. Holt's letter stated, "I get considerable enjoyment with these combinations. After 40 years of collecting and a term in the U. S. Senate Post Office Committee I have great interest in postal history."

1. What three prominent buildings are shown on stamps of the National Capital Sesquicentennial issue?

2. The fourth stamp of the above set pictures the statue of a figure symbolizing something greatly cherished by Americans. What is it?

Elsewhere in this paper is the announcement that there will be an opening of a post office at North Pole, N.Y. in a few days and that covers will be accepted for postmarking. This will be a new one for you who like Christmassy or topical cancellations.

The postmaster of Lambertville, N. J. has risen several more notches in the esteem which collectors of the area hold for him. It had been announced in official postal circles that on November 30 the Trenton-Phillipsburg run of the Pennsylvania RR would cease to carry mail.

The postmaster immediately notified all the cover fans of the area about the last day and went so far as to prepare a cachet which was impressed on all covers for which it was requested. John C. Seegers of New Hope, Pa. sent me one all properly postmarked and cacheted.

Dr. Robert G. Foster of Topeka, Kans. has been doing some detailed peeking through his stamp catalog finding some statistics which might be of interest. He finds that commemorative stamps issued between 1893 and 1951 had the following colors.

Purple—98; Red—67; Blue—59; Green—52; Brown—34; Orange—14; Black—11; Lavender—10; Gray—7; Yellow—3.

Dr. Foster also offers the following program of stamps for 1954, twelve in number, a figure which seems to be quite agreeable to postal officials. He claims we need stamps to commemorate:

- all who voted for Eisenhower.
- all who voted for Stevenson.
- all who swear by McCarthy.
- all who swear at McCarthy.
- all who have had the mortgage foreclosed on their farm or home.
- all who have been lucky enough to have paid off all their debts.
- all who have paid off their income tax fully and honestly.
- all who have gotten by by defrauding the government on their income tax.
- all babies born during 1953.
- all persons who died during 1953.
- all dog and cat and bird owners and lovers in the U. S.

Let's not forget the 49th anniversary of the Hog Bristle Processors Foundation, or the 18th anniversary of the Tombstone Quarry Institute International, Dr. Foster.

Robert J. Laikala on Route 84, Perry, Ohio claims that he has copies of the airletter with the overlay opposite to each other.

The overlay is that dim white line after line of lettering on the face and inside of the airletter which reads, "UNITED STATES FOREIGN AIRMAIL". It is repeated continuously, and it is in a vertical direction on one side and horizontal on the other.

Mr. Laikala says he has airletters where the overlay runs vertical on the face of one, and horizontal on the other. Of course, the backs are opposite to each other.

as well. He wants to know how common this sort of thing is and I can't tell him. Can you?

That last minute change in the design of the Trucking commem, because small time big business men claimed a competitor was getting an advantage, has brought forth a question or so. The one most frequently received is, "Were any of the stamps printed with the original design and where can I get a copy?"

I understand that some were printed in the original which had a truck resembling a Reo, but that these were all destroyed. So as far as is known, there are none to be had anywhere.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS

DEPT.: Fred Arndt, Roskilde, Denmark; Gunnar Madsen, Tollose, Denmark; George Hammond, Hornell, N.Y.; Pierre A. Cubells, Soissons, France; Japan Postal Cultural Assn.; Axel Jorgenson, Helsingor, Denmark; Virgil J. Geary, Dayton, Ohio; John C. Seegers, New Hope, Pa.; Manoel F. da Motta, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Members of the National Education Association, states Ernest E. Vegter of Bay City, Mich., are petitioning for a commemorative in 1957 to note the 100th anniversary of founding. He says that during the November meeting of the Federation of Michigan State Teachers' Clubs it was proposed and adopted that such action be initiated.

The organization was chartered by the United States Congress in 1857 and has considerable prestige in the national capital.

The "Hell On Wheels" Division, General George Patton's own, sponsored a first day of issue of the commem abroad, in Germany where it is now on duty. It was released November 11 at Fort Knox.

Maj. Orval C. Clark of APO 46 claims the group wanted to have an earlier first day in Germany than the November 18 cancellation, but weren't able to swing it. The Division sponsored a cachet of the rubber stamp variety which was imprinted on the envelopes.

Copies of the Patton were tied to cover with a hand cancel which besides the "ARMY AIR FORCE POSTAL SERVICE — 18 Nov. 1953 — A.P.O. 42" had a slogan "FIRST DAY — OF ISSUE — IN EUROPE — 2d ARMD DIV". I can't remember a like instance where such a first day of issue deal was concocted.

There should certainly be no reason for a collector of United States stamps being without a catalog to guide him, especially so if his budget will not allow him to set aside more than a dollar for a reference book.

With that sum he can buy a copy of "Scott's Dollar United States Stamp Catalog — 1954" which has everything on U. S. which Scott's Volume I has, plus fourteen pages of definitions and the like from the Scott U. S. Specialized.

Listings include all the stamps, the officials, envelopes, revenues, Confederate, and former possessions such as Cuba, Philippines, Canal Zone, Danish West Indies and Hawaii.

Back in 1909, after the matter had been fought out in various places and among different groups, the Post Office Department declared that mail boxes along rural delivery routes belong to the Department even though the farmer who bought and erected the box paid for it.

It is this traditional conception of mail boxes which holds today in the city and country.

Probably some of the folks don't know it, but the Department has set up various requirements which must be met for a mail box, the rural ones especially. You just can't put up anything in which to receive your mail — the box must meet certain specifications, and must be kept in good repair, or replaced.

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CORRECTION

The article under the caption "Buying and Selling Precancels at Auction" was not written by Kenneth M. Gierhart but by Bert Hoover of the famous Hoover Bros. of Auction fame. Any veteran precancel fan should know that Mr. Gierhart did not have the auction experience to write such an article on that subject.

XMAS PACKAGES.

Each year the Department gives each 1st, 2nd and 3rd class office a blanket permit to use precancels during the month of December. This privilege is at the discretion of the postmaster and of course is not compulsory.

Note this privilege is not extended to 4th class offices.

So if you know of an office that has a precancel device, which means they have been given authority to use precancels, you can fix up a dummy package and take it to the office and ask that precancels be used on the package. Have it properly addressed (to yourself at your home address) and a contents label on it.

It is better to explain to the postmaster that it is simply an act of courtesy on his part to accommodate you and that it is his privilege to do so or refuse. Many offices do not take advantage of their right to use precancels during the holiday rush and will not accept such packages other than to mail them with regular cancelled stamps.

But some postmasters will oblige you and many nice precancels have been obtained in this manner that cannot be obtained any other way. Your percentage of good copies will be low on a deal like this so you won't beat buying from a dealer a whole lot unless you are lucky but then you get the satisfaction of getting your own precancels from the very town you wanted.

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Australia's 1953 Christmas Seals

Keith Tucker

Australia's Christmas Seal for 1953, the one issued by the "National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia", has a rather simple design, and is quite colorful. It was released in November and has a sale throughout the nation. With the exception of several other issues which now have taken on a local standing, this national seal must be considered the standard for the nation.

The outlines of fir trees standing in the hull of a boat which is afloat on waves makes up the design. The foremost tree has the Cross of Lorraine superimposed on it in a red color while the remaining four decreasing in size to the right vary in color from the yellow of the first to the dark green of the last.

"GREETINGS" is in white on the red hull, the background color is blue.

As in 1952 the wording on the selvedge of the sheets of 60 (10 x 6) reads, "Place one on every letter and parcel" (top), and "Issued by National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia" (bottom).

The Advertiser Printing Office of Adelaide was the printer, adapting the artwork from a design conceived by Barbara Harry of their staff.

Australians will have to pay 10 shillings per sheet.

Progressive Color Proofs were made available to collectors. These are imperforate and seven in number and reveal the steps in which the various colors were added to the design.

New South Wales Anti-Tuberculosis Association is a group which has as yet not adopted the National Seal for its own. Its seals come in booklet form, twenty seals to the pane.

There are two sizes of the booklet, one which contains three panes for a total of sixty seals, or a second which has six panes making 120. Selling price is 10 shillings for the former and one Pound for the latter.

The illustration above shows how the three designs are distributed. A girl holding a doll before her Christmas tree is the design of the two rows of seals on the left. The center row pictures Santa Claus, while the two on the right show the Three Wise Men and the Star of Bethlehem.

Separation of the individual seals is by roulette.

No artist was named for this issue but it is known that the designs were prepared under the direction of Chessell McCredie Printery, Ltd., advertising agents, of Sydney.

Deaton and Spencer Printers of Sydney handled the printing and binding.

As in years past I will obtain any of the above seals or the progressive color proofs at the actual face value plus return postage. The proofs cost 10¢ per set of singles, multiples pro rata. A sheet of 60 of the National seal costs one dollar or 2¢ per seal.

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Catalog For German Special Cancelations

1953 is the year of the birth of the German Commemorative Cancels. The post office of the stadium of Leipzig used a special cancel for the gymnastic festival from July 26 to August 9 and in September 1918 the first propaganda cancel of Germany was placed in use.

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Sale Of Stamp For Leprosy Work

Brazil has made use of a design which first appeared in 1952, and which will this year again be on a stamp of a like intention of the original appearance. It is Scott type A296 picturing the fanned priest who worked among the lepers, Father Damien, and children.

While the Scott Catalog lists this item as a commemorative, it is actually a postal tax item, and was required to be used on all domestic mail in Brazil for a definite period. The same mandatory usage attaches to the current issue which had a first day on November 30.

Funds derived from the sale of this stamp are devoted to the care of children having leprosy. Use of it is obligatory over and above the usual postage fees. According to Manoel F. da Motta, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil the period this year was from November 30 to December 5, known as "Combat Leprosy Week".

Color is a bright yellow green and the denomination 10c — last year it was a yellow brown, the denomination 10c also.

Mr. da Motta advises that production was but two million copies in 1952 when fifteen million had been decreed. The non-printing of the additional thirteen million deprived the Leprosy Fund of needed financial help.

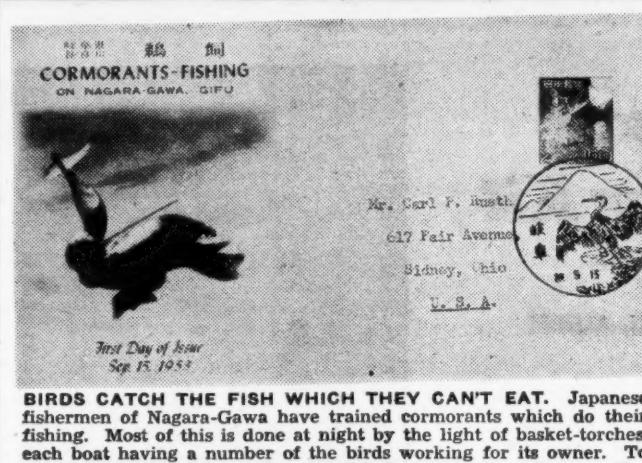
Indirectly, stamp collectors who look to the value of their material benefited because the issue was sold out before dealers tried to get their share. Most of the two million were used on mail, and a relatively small number exist mint.

The 1953 printing was fifteen million.

Charter New York Chapter Of AMERPO

A New York chapter of "AMERPO," the RPO-HPO cover-collectors' society, was informally organized recently at the monthly postmark and cancellation meeting held at the office of Moe Luff of the U.S. 20th Century Postal Cancellation Society in New York City.

The next joint meeting of the two groups is scheduled for December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at 240 W. 56th St., New York City. It is hoped to present an official charter to the new "AMERPO" chapter as Branch No. 2, at that time. All postmark



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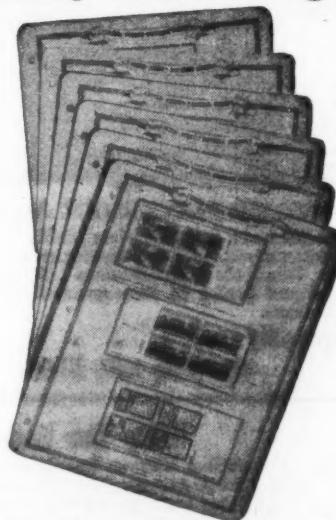
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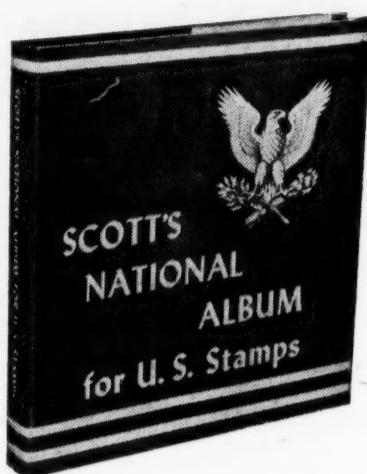
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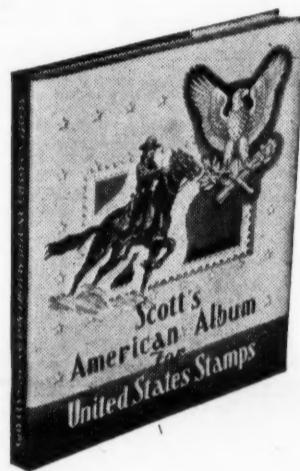
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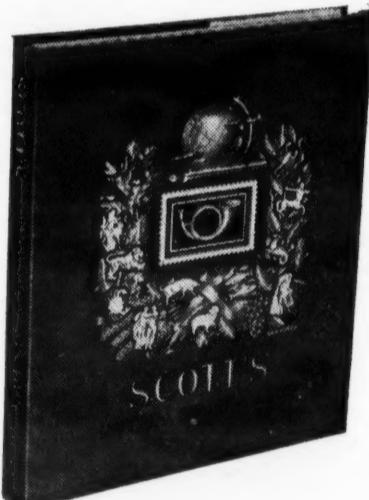


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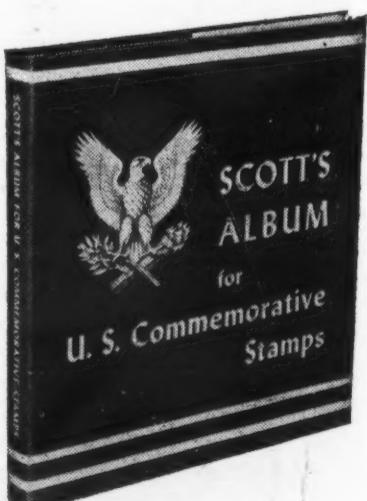
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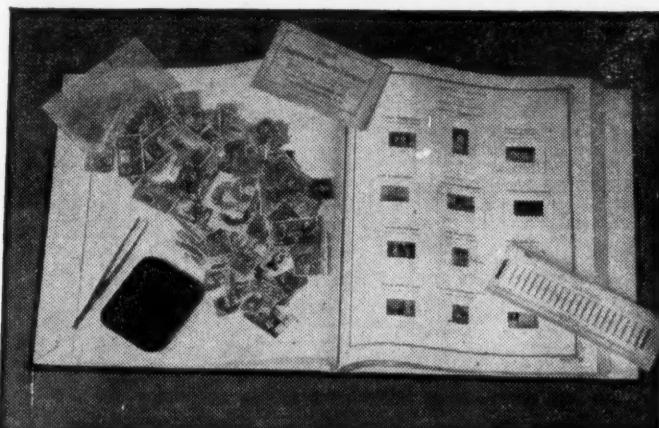
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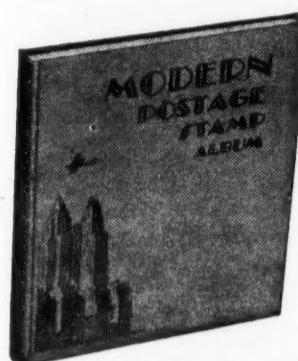
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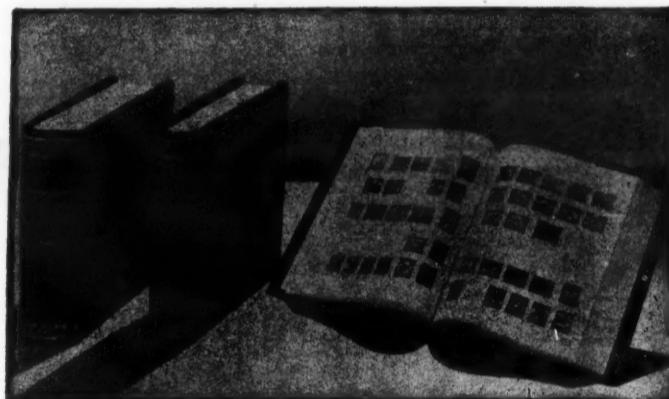
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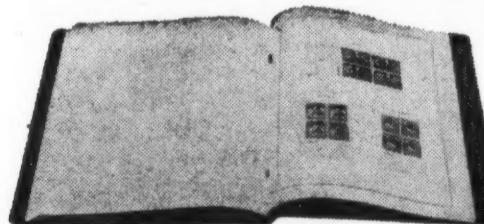
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Scott Specialized In 1954 Edition

dental (No. 832b); the 1857 12¢ black in a horizontal pair imperf. between (No. 36b), and the 4¢ Parks stamp imperforate horizontally (No. 743a).

Envelopes: A thorough revision, with many striking price increases, especially in the entries. These increases start right with No. U1 which jumps from \$45 to \$250 as an entire. The 10¢ chocolate air letter sheet has been added as No. UC16a.

Postal Cards: Many price changes, with the 1902 McKinley "full face" card now priced unused at \$90.

Postmasters' Provisionals: The Annapolis 2¢ envelope is priced for the first time at \$350.

Locals: Four previously unlisted locals have been added under American Express Co., Smith and Stephens, Spence and Brown. Many prices are up, too—for instance the Hale and Co. overprints moved from \$125 to \$300.

Proofs: Hundreds of new listings in die and plate proofs, and trial color proofs.

Confederate States: Extensive alterations in both prices and listings are seen here. The Postmasters' Provisionals have been augmented by two newly recognized adhesives, from new Smyrna, Fla., and Victoria, Texas (the latter

prices this year reflect a steady, conservative upward trend in 19th century issues. The whole 20th century includes a great many increases, with some of the most startling in commemorative plate number blocks and souvenir sheets.

A few of the noteworthy changes follow:

Postage: Three "finds" of the past year are listed for the first time—the watermarked \$1 Presi-

priced at \$1,250) and by no less than 21 handstamped envelopes.

Editor Gordon R. Harmer has been assisted by Allan M. Thatcher in preparing this new edition of Scott's "Specialized U.S." It is still priced at \$3.50, and this year it is sporting a bright new red, white and blue jacket of attractive design.

This catalogue lists and prices stamps in pairs, blocks, on and off cover, in many minor variations and with various cancellations. It gives quantities issued of commemoratives, and a list of all plate numbers used for commemoratives.

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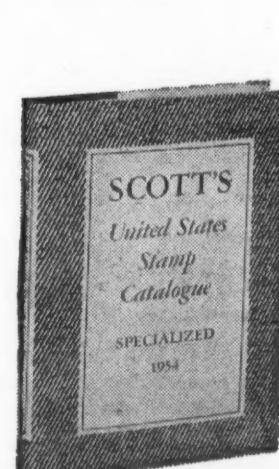
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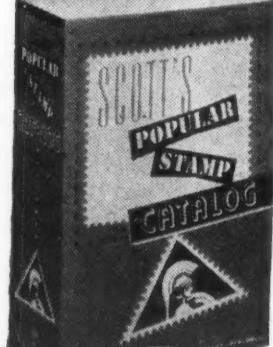
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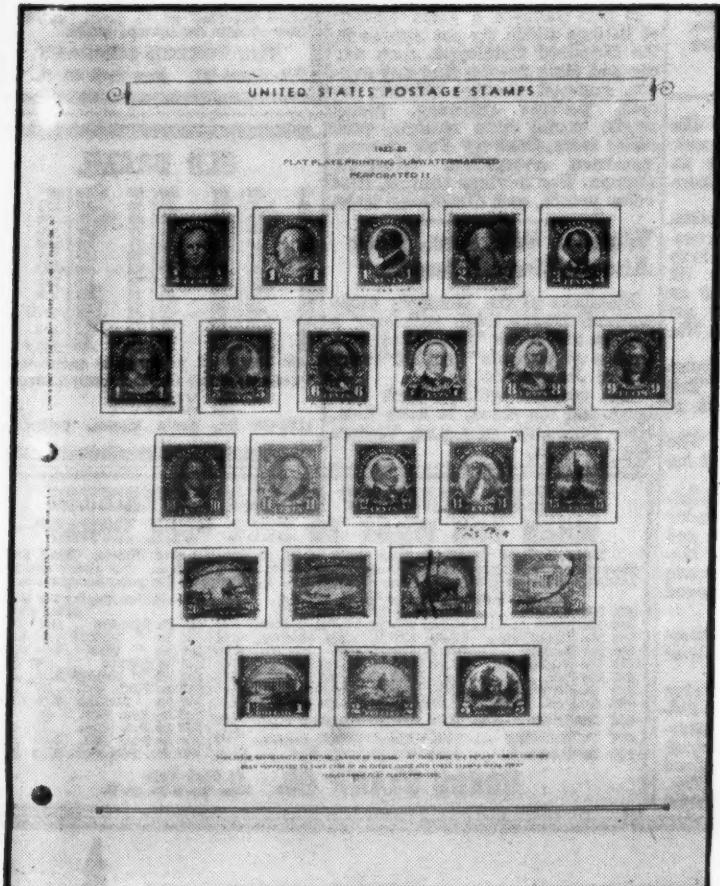
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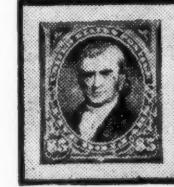
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Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

Dealer Doings

James Inc., 300 W. Main St., Louisville, Ky. has Wholesale Lists which will be sent to accredited dealers who apply for them on their letter heads. One has most of the popular lines of albums for both stamp and coin collectors, while a second offers, packets of various sizes from all over the world, and accessories for both hobbies. Mention Linn's.

Alex Jason, 911 Tenth St. NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. is once again active following a trip to the hospital for surgery. His ad in this edition is his first since the medical attention. He stocks the popular 1954 Commonwealth Catalog of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II stamps at \$1.65 per copy postpaid. He is presently featuring the Royal Visits.

Recently incorporated is Vittorio Le Bianco, Inc., 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y., a firm which claims to be headquarters for material relating to Italian philately. The company is not a new one as readers of this paper well know from the ads the firm has run continuously in the past. Fernando Levi has been elected president.

Persons who are looking for desirable presents for stamp collectors will find a splendid array of them in the advertisement of Scott Publications on pages eight and nine this edition. There are the highly esteemed Scott Catalogs, and the fine albums which range from "beginners" to "comprehensive". All on sale at dealers in various cities.

A "just off the press" edition of their British North America Price List is announced by Paramount Stamps, Box 55, Station D, Toronto 9, Canada. It costs 25¢ which sum is deductible on the first order made from its pages. Offerings begin with Canada No. 1; plate blocks, plain blocks and singles and the same used are priced; other BNA issues are priced.

"Foreign" Stamp Helps Chinese Censorship

The Communists in China have a special stamp which must be used for mail to go out of the country, states Walter J. Sandberg of Chicago. The use of the item implies a form of censorship which makes it difficult for any of the population to get adverse news out of China.

To get one of the "Foreign Mail" stamps, purchasers are required to fill in a sizeable questionnaire which is then filed away in the postal archives.

EXHIBITION DATES

Dec. 11-Jan. 9-Women's Stamp Exhibition, National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 12-Conway Fort Worth Stamp and Coin Club, Conway Recreation Assn., Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas.

Jan. 15-17-SEPAD, Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan. 18-19-SEPAD, Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pa. & Delaware, Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 20-21-Columbus Philatelic Club, Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Feb. 27-28-Michigan Stamp Club, Taller Hotel, Arabian Room, Detroit, Mich.

ALLIED ARMIES

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reached in the peace treaties that were to follow.

Shortly after the Morgan Agreement was signed, the Jugoslav troops withdrew into Zone B, leaving only the Jugoslav Detachment, 2000 strong, under the command of the XIII Corps, who were provided for under the Morgan agreement and were ostensibly to protect the Slav interests in the area.

When the Allied Military Government took charge of the government of Zone A, the Government that had existed under the Jugoslavs merely moved into another headquarter. From the first the Slavs adopted an attitude of non-cooperative with AMG, and a Communist dominated shadow government continued to attempt to dictate to the Slav population.

Allied Military Government Free Territory of Trieste

In the spring of 1947 the Italian Peace Treaty was submitted to the United Nations Assembly. On September 15, 1947, the Treaty was ratified by the "Big Four" U.S.A., Great Britain, France and U.S.S.R.

The Italian Peace Treaty provided for a new Italian-Jugoslav border, dividing Venezia Giulia in half. The eastern half became part of Jugoslavia along with the Istrian Peninsula and the western half continued under Italian control. Also the Treaty provided for the constitution of the Free Territory of Trieste.

After many years of contests by different nations, the region of Venezia Giulia is now practically divided between two claimants, and will most likely continue in this status for some years to come.

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WRIGHT BROTHERS
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ast Otto Lilienthal, and after his accidental death they sent to the Smithsonian Institute for the available bibliography on flying. They carefully studied the five slim volumes and some pamphlets which comprised the meager literature on the subject, and grew impatient at the wasteful extravagance of mounting delicate and costly machinery on wings which no one yet knew how to manage.

Their own thoughts gradually concentrated on a body and wings as rigid as possible, sailing through the air and using the wind itself, rather than an engine for motive power.

The period between 1885 and 1900 was one of much activity in aeronautics, but the efforts of eminent scientists in various parts of the world had ended in failure or utter disrepute. The primary cause of such failures, reasoned Wilbur and Orville, were to be found in the inaccurate balance and stabilization of the models. Instead of trying to design a machine so that it would right itself when its balance was disturbed, why not have it as inert as possible and let the operator balance it as required?

After three years of study and experiment, Orville suggested that the operator could vary the angles of the wing-tips to restore balance, and this idea became the basic claim of the original Wright patent, and is now incorporated in the Aileron control of every plane. The needed balance was thus effected by twisting, or "warping" the wing.

"TRUTH AND ERROR"

The Wright's first laboratory trip to isolated Kitty Hawk island, North Carolina in 1900 proved their wing-warping was better than earlier methods of balancing—also their operable front rudder or elevator successfully directed their trial-plane, a glider, up and down. But this and other experiences in 1901 forced the brothers to the conclusion that all accepted aerodynamic data were useless—"Truth and error were everywhere so intimately mixed as to be undistinguishable". The task of working out correct tables of air pressure and drift was one for trained mathematicians and physicists, rather than a couple of bicycle me-

chanics", as they put it.

That they did not abandon their attempts entirely was probably due to the continuous encouragement of Octave Chanute, glider enthusiast and experimenter, with whom they had been in correspondence for several years.

To further check their own conclusions, Orville took an 18-inch starch-box, put in a sort of weather-vane and through a glass top proceeded to measure the angles of wind pressure. This, the first "wind tunnel" was soon replaced by larger and more exact ones, with which the brothers tested more than 200 types of wing surface. In two months these amateur physicists compiled the data necessary for mechanical flight, most of which, after 40 years, still holds good with surprisingly small variation.

AERO-PLANE AND FIRST FLIGHT

Finally in 1903 the brothers had worked out on paper exactly how much power would be needed to lift their tiny craft into the air, and how much weight could be carried, including the operator. The engine they constructed—it was a 12 horsepower motor—was considered a great advancement in mechanical engineering.

Next came the propeller. The Wrights had planned to use the formulas for marine propellers and adapt them to air conditions, but they were soon convinced that during 65 years of use, such formulas had been founded on a hit-or-miss, trial by error basis. Within two months they designed and built their own, first "airscrew" which proved some 35 per cent more efficient than the best water propeller then in use.

Finally on December 17, 1903—just nine days after professor Samuel Langley's much heralded and publicized flight had failed—the Wright brothers, without fanfare, made the first self-powered machine flight in the world, Orville "belly-down" on the deck and Wilbur "directing traffic" and flight from the ground. The plane travelled a distance of 852 feet in 59 seconds in the air, against a headwind of 27 miles. AND THE REST IS HISTORY.

THOUGHTS AND EPILOGUE

After many personal honors here and abroad, the brothers organized the American Wright Company in Dayton, for the manufacture of airplanes under their various patents in the year 1909. Wilbur died of typhoid fever in 1912, after which Orville sold out the business.

He was commissioned a major in the first World War, in the Signal Corps, Aviation Service, and it was at that time he is said to have expressed the thought "that perhaps it would have been better if man had never invented flying, only to create such havoc from the air among nations."

Orville was destined to live another 36 years after Wilbur. He organized the Wright Aeronautical Laboratories in Dayton, for consultation, research and invention, and carried on as director until his death. He remained a confirmed bachelor and lived in the great Wright mansion in snug comfort with his only sister until her passing, and after that with two old, trusted servants. In 1949 the home, showplace of Dayton, was purchased by the National Cash Register Company as a guest-house for its visitors.

Not until 1942, 36 years after that memorable flight, did the Smithsonian Institute accept the "Kitty Hawk" plane into its halls with full credit to the brothers "for designing and flying the first practical airplane" and it hangs now, proudly, next to Charles A. Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis".

Orville Wright died in 1948, and now both brothers are at rest.

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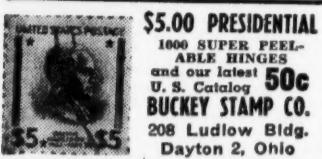
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U. P. U. All of the British Empire U. P. U. sets are getting scarce with prices advancing. The scarcest is probably Gold Coast which has increased in retail price to over \$1.00. The set to watch is Jamaica, which has had a large sale and dealers are buying this set, when available, to complete the entire series of British Empire sets.

FALKLAND DEPENDENCIES. Much has been written about the promised new issue of the Falkland Dependencies to one Pound, and no one has been able to explain how a 10/- Pound stamp could possibly be used except philatelically.

These Dependencies can be listed as South Georgia, South Orkneys, South Shetland and Graham Land. The latter three are unpopulated except for a few meteorologists and scientific workers. Mails are supposed to be received about once a month and delays are frequent. (This applies also to Falkland Island).

South Georgia is the only one of the dependencies with a resident population and all of the islands are ice bound during the winter and often during the summer. South Georgia is an active seat of whaling operations and financing of the other dependencies is by taxation on the South Georgia whaling.

Whale oil has decreased in value and it has been necessary for the imperial government to give financial assistance. This may be the real reason for the coming issue for the dependencies up to the needed Pound value.

CANADA. All of the earlier airmail stamps of Canada are popular and in demand, especially the 1930 stamp No. C2. Only 400,000 of this stamp were issued, of which a large number were very poorly centered. This is a small number for a popular country like Canada and well centered copies should be obtained now, if needed. There should be a substantial increase in price.

The same stamp surcharged for the Ottawa Conference in 1932 (C4) is underpriced at 90¢ and this stamp has been selected by Fyndem in Stamp Collecting (London), as the "Weeks Good Fynd". There were only 500,000 copies issued and it is my opinion that this stamp will eventually be priced higher than the C2.

ELIZABETH CORONATIONS. These complete sets of 106 stamps are getting quite scarce with prices advancing. At the recent A.S.D.A. show in New York, a dealer displayed a large sign at his booth offering this ("Scarce set of 106 stamps for ONLY \$12.95")

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